Kerela. NTPC, State Government Corportations and other parties including financial institutions will participate in the project.

Supply of Gas by ONGC to Private Industries

1813. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC is supplying gas to the private industries in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of supply and the amount earned from each company for the last three years;

(c) whether any complaints have been received regarding the realisation of the value being less than the value of actual supply; and

(d) if so, any enquiry made and action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Government of India has recently permitted the ONGC to directly market natural gas upto 1 lakh Standard Cubic Metres Per Day (SCMD) from its small isolated fields. Accordingly, ONGC has commenced supply of gas directly to the following private industries in Gujarat:—

Name of Industry	Month of Commencement
1. C.G. Glass	August, 98
2. Prime Ceramics	September, 98
3. Wellsuit Glass	September, 98
4. Specific Ceramics	November, 98
5. Growmore Ceramics	December, 98

During the last three completed financial years *i.e.* from 1995-96 to 1997-98, there was no supply of gas directly by ONGC to the private industries.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

New Oil Wells in Assam

1814. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many new oil wells have been dug-up recently in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some insurgent groups have threatened to block the passage of oil out of Assam and to blow the new wells off was attempted; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by Government to thwart the announced threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons is an on-going process. During the year 1998-99, a total of 37 (19 exploratory and 18 development) wells have been drilled.

(c) and (d) Some insurgent groups have threatened to block the passage of oil out of Assam and to blow the new wells off. Preventive measures have been taken by issuing red alert and intensifying security around the vital installations and pipelines so as to ensure the operation of normal activities without disruption.

Oil production in 1998-99

1815. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target for oil production for 1998-99 and whether it was achieved;

(b) whether Government have any plan to enhance oil recovery from Bombay off-shore oilfield; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?